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## G-C tech program a three-time winner

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Greenfield-Central has received another accolade for its high school's technology program – the program excellence award of the International Technology Education Association.

G-C is one of fewer than 50 programs worldwide to receive the award, according to a news release by ITEA, a Virginia-based organization for technology and engineering educators.

"This is the third time in 25 years that we've received this award," said Gary Wynn, department chair of the GC technology education program. "We've strived to develop a curriculum that prepares students for the outside work or their (university) education."

Many of G-C's students have gone on to study engineering at universities like Purdue after studying in G-C's technology education program, Wynn said.

G-C students can take courses geared to a variety of technology and engineering disciplines – from civil engineering to aerospace engineering. Classes range from communication processes to construction systems to transportation processes.

Wynn said the curriculum is designed for students of all skill levels – from collegebound engineering students to students with special needs.

Part of the success of the GC's technology education department has come through its participation in Project Lead the Way, a rigorous program that requires students to learn math and science through hands-on projects.

PLTW students can take courses in digital electronics, biotechnical engineering and engineering design and development, among others.

One hands-on project that GC students have competed in is the supermileage challenge, where they compete with teams from other schools to build the most fuel-efficient car.

Another project is FIRST Robotics, where the students design a robot to complete a designated series of tasks.

This fall, G-C will be honored in the Project Lead the Way yearbook as one of the top 15 PLTW programs in the nation, Wynn said.

"It's a combination of all that we do (that allows us to earn such recognition)," he said. "We are a comprehensive engineering technology program."





Photo provided Gary Wynn (left) receives Greenfield-Central's program excellence award from the International Technology Education Association. G-C was one of fewer than 50 programs worldwide to receive the award. It is the third time that G-C was received it.